## AFTERWARDS.

(Elizabeth Stuart Phelos.1 There is no vacant chair. The loving meet—
A group unbroken—smitten. Who knows how?
One sitteth silent only; in his usual seat
We gave him once that freedom. Why not now?

Perhaps he is too weary, and needs rest;
He needed it too often, nor could we
Bestow. God gave it, knowing how to do Which of us would disturb him! Let

There is no vacant chair. If he will take
The mood to listen mutely, be it dona.
By his least mood we crossed, for which the
least must ache,
Plead not nor question! Let him have
this one.

Death is a mood of life. It is no whim By which life's Giver mocks a broke heart.
Death is life's reticence. Still audible to

Him The hushed voice, happy, speaketh on There is no vacant chair. To love is still
To have. Nearer to memory than to eye,
And dearer yet to anguish than to comfort

will We hold him by our love, that shall no For while it doth not then he cannot. Try Who can put out the motion or the smile! The old ways of being noble all with him laid by!

Because we love he is. Then trust awhile.

A PROMINENT FIGURE.

The Member for Northampton and the [London Cor. Boston Herald.]

Labouchere, the member for Northampton, is a good deal in evidence, in parliament, and in his clever, audacious paper, Truth. He is not unlike Mr. James G. Blaine in appearance. He is about the same height and build, wears his beard, and is somewhat slow in his movements. Mr. Blaine has a square forehead and a larger ness; but there is not much more in his head than is stowed away in the Labouchere brain. A well educated and a traveled man, Labouchere has, I dare say, far less earnest views of life than Mr. Biaine has, is certainly far more indifferent to the opinion of Mrs. Grundy, and possibly the only likeness between them is in the build, height and manner of wearing the

This trifling similarity may, however, help the reader to realize the figure of La-This trifling similarity may, however, help the reader to realize the figure of Labouchere. If he cared a brass farthing, or even less for anything or anybody, Labouchere would have more influence in the house of commons and out of it. Life is to him an amusement. He has plenty of money and plenty of brains. A seat in parliament, a share in The Daily News, a paper of his own, a bank, a house in town, a classic home on the Thames, a clever wife, of whom he is really fond, and a baby that is to him a constant surprise; he finds his time well occupied. He has none of the fears of business men; his bread is buttered on both sides; he his bread is buttered on both sides; he is rich beyond the dangers of such specula-tions as he cares to indulge in, and his heart is neither consumed by the fire of patriotism nor the canker of a lofty ambition.

Some people despise him; he does not care. Some people admire nim; he does not care. A few friends like him; he does not care. Still fewer probably love him; he does not Still fewer probably love him; he does not care. He is a good story teller. His best aneodotes are against himself. As a financier and a man of business he is far more generous than is generally known; and I have never heard a whisper against his honor as a banker, speculator and man of business. He has a slight drawl in his speech; is a capital talker, a liberal host, and he stands at the extreme end of the extremest political party in the state. His latest radical performance was to propose in the house of commons a motion not in exact terms, but favoring the abolition of the upper house. In spite of the premier he pushed the motion to a division, and got 71 votes in its favor. The result was loudly cheered by his Irish friends and Radical colleagues. Some politicians regard the division as very significant.

and when active present anything but an at-tractive appearance. Agood healthy sponge looks as it comes to the surface like a great beel's liver, and the odor is spongy—no other

word describes it.

When a load of these aromatic flowers of the ocean is secured, they are taken down to Key West, or may be cured on some of the keys. This consists in allowing them to remain in the sun until thoroughly decayed, and then treating them to repeated rinsings, until the animal matter is entirely removed. They are then placed in the sun to blanch, and in this stage are seen covering the fences in Conchtown. Later they are subjected to and in this stage are seen covering the fences in Conchtown. Later they are subjected to several processes, one of which in some cases is sanding. This is more common in the toilet sponge from the Mediterranean. Shake one and you will find that quite a deposit of fine sand escapes. This was not eaten or absorbed by the sponge wisn alive, as you might suppose, but is a process by which the weight of the sponge is increased, and as they sell by the pound, the object is evident.

is not up to are not worth chroniciling. Some time ago a young man was sent to a sponge locality to buy sponges for a firm who was going to manufacture a new article that required large quantities, and it was found that the young man paid as much for water and coral rock as he did for sponge.

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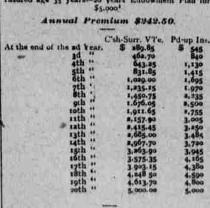
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